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1. From July 1943 to the end of 1945 a company of USSR Marines (morskaya pekhota) was stationed in Dzhanhkhoh (N 44-28, E 38-09). Their headquarters was located in a villa in Dzhanhkhoh. The company itself lived in dugouts (perhaps a dozen) on the seashore southwest of Dzhanhkhoh; the dugouts were covered with approximately one-and-one-half meters of earth, and a layer of timber measuring from 15 to 20 centimeters in diameter. The marines performed watch duty along the seacoast 24 hours a day. There were some permanent observation posts on the elevated parts of the coast; since the seacoast in the Dzhanhkhoh region rose about 250 to 300 meters above the water, they evidently felt no need to build observation towers. In addition to manning these permanent posts, the marines patrolled the seacoast at periodic intervals of the day and night.

2. I do not know to which marine unit the Dzhanhkhoh unit was subordinate, nor do I know where it had previously been stationed. However, I am sure that this unit belonged to the USSR Marines.

The marines wore regular, olive-drab, army uniforms, like the infantry, and they had black shoulder boards without piping. On

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their shoulder boards were the yellow letters "ChF" (ЧФ) and a brass button with an anchor. I noticed that until the middle of 1944 they wore the army olive-drab garrison caps; in May 1944 they were issued the regular visored marine caps. These visored caps were of black cloth with two white pipings, one on the upper part of the cap, and the other in the middle; the caps were provided with black, lacquered visors and black, lacquered chin straps with two brass buttons bearing engraved anchors. For a cap insignia, they wore a plain red star.

3. The marine company in Dzhankhot was armed with PPSH submachine guns and knife-type bayonets. I never observed any of these marines to carry carbines. (I have no further information on weapons.)
4. I remember that twice in the second half of 1943 the entire marine company, except for a few men who were left behind in Dzhankhot, participated in some joint USSR Navy-Marine landing operations made against the Germans; once at Anapa, and again at Novorossiysk. Both times they returned to Dzhankhot, [redacted] 25X1X  
[redacted] Late in 1945, the Dzhankhot marine unit was permanently transferred to Novorossiysk, or so I was told before they left by some of the marines with whom I was acquainted.

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